

Hidden Meadows Community Sponsor Group

Covering the area bordered by Escondido, 1-15, Valley Center, & Circle R

Meeting location: The Hidden Meadows Community Center 10141 Meadow Glen Way, East

May 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Len Coultas, Chair 07:00pm.
- 2) ROLL CALL: Quorum establishment: Cox, Sealey, Coultas, Chagala, Alter, Targia
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- 4) MINUTES
 - a) Approval of April 27, 2011 minutes. Motion to accept minutes by Coultas and seconded by Sealey--unanimously approved.
- 5) OPEN FORUM:
 - a) Bob Chrisman indicated that the CHP has the ability to ticket Golf Carts if they do not meet the States' specifications for operation on highways, which are quite onerous. He also indicated that Section 21115 of the State Vehicle Code provides that a local jurisdiction may, by resolution or ordinance, permit certain highways to be used by Golf Carts without meeting the State Criteria. There would need to be signs identifying the highways for that use and perhaps other requirements. He was asking for direction as to how to start a dialogue with the County on this issue. Chagala will do some research as to who would be a good contact person at the County. Bob will then make that contact and come back to the group with some details and options as to how the Sponsor Group could support this effort.
- 6) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:
 - a) Discussion – Targia indicated that the Sponsor Group had approved a cell tower last month and that he was the dissenting vote. He has since done research, first on the property, and found that there is another cell tower in close proximity to the homeowners that had testified against this cell tower. In addition he found that there were numerous medical studies citing the dangers of cell towers located in close proximity to homes and places of work. He felt that putting another tower close to these people would double their risk. He would like to reverse last month's action. Chairman Coultas said that the action could not be reversed without advertising the hearing and notifying the applicants. Also, the Group would be getting into a determination of health hazards, and did not have that expertise. Finally, Federal Regulations would not permit the Group to deny a Cell Tower based upon health hazards. However, he did advise Targia that he could make a motion to reconsider. Motion was made by Targia to reconsider last month's decision on the cell tower. Motion died for lack of a second.
 - b) Discussion – Doug Alter said that there were two vacancies on the Group and requested that the Group notify him if we knew of anyone who would be interested in serving on the Group. Joan Van Ingen said she would see if there was any interest in Welk Village.
- 7) PUBLIC REVIEW / ACTION ITEMS:

a) Hartman/Easy Turf Storage Building 3500-07-041. Chagala indicated that he had a conflict and would be abstaining. He was asked to give a brief summary of the project. He said that he had researched the Group's history with this project and there were concerns about storing the synthetic Easy Turf in a building limited for agricultural storage. Eventually the Group was advised by the applicant that he was going to request a change to the C40 Zone. With this condition, the Group approved his request. However, the rezone application was never made, but in the meantime Easy Turf leased a building in Vista to store the synthetic turf, and now wanted to use the building as a place to store some of their agricultural landscaping products. A meeting was held late last year with the County where the staff felt that this use would be considered agricultural storage and permitted in this zone. There would still need to be a Clearing Permit and also a Site Plan to comply with the I-15 Design Guidelines. Joan Van Ingen stated that the I-15 Design Review Board had just looked at this project and was not satisfied with the landscaping proposed. She said she had tried to contact the applicants and was unable to do so, and they did not attend the meeting. Franklin Pallen, representing Easy Turf, said that the trees he had proposed would completely block views of the building from I-15 at maturity. Chairman Coultas said that the landscaping was in the purview of the I-15 Design Review Board and that this Group was only concerned with compliance with zoning and land use. Sealey said another issue the last time the project was reviewed was if there was going to be an office within the building. Pallen answered that there would be no office. Motion was made by Cox to accept the plans as presented and seconded by Sealey. Motion passed with Coultas, Sealey, Alter, Cox, and Targia supporting the motion, and Chagala abstaining.

8) INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

a) None.

9) ADJOURNMENT 07:41pm

10) Next regular meeting will be June 23, 2011 at the Hidden Meadow Community Center, 10141 Meadow Glen Way East.